



TOWN OF EASTHAM

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MINUTES EASTHAM BOARD OF HEALTH WORKSHOP THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015 AT 8:00AM

Present: Dr. Joanna Buffington, Dr. Martin Haspel, Dr. James Taylor, Chair, Jane Crowley,

Absent: Glenn Olson, Susan Barker

I. REDUCTION REQUEST

- 65 Alston Ave.
- 2470 State Hwy

Both requests were dismissed due to lack of information

II. CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER INFORMATION

- E-Cigarettes

E cigarettes have become more prominent in the school systems and in our community. It has come to the Board of Health's attention that the Town of Eastham's current regulations are a bit out dated. The Board of Health feels that it is necessary to reassess the tobacco regulations. The Board of Health went through a model regulation on tobacco with the **state tobacco regulators**. They discussed all of the regulatory options available to the Town. The following were some topics of interest from the discussion:

- Changing the minimum age for purchasing tobacco from 18 to 21
- Capping the number of tobacco licenses
- Locations where the use of E-Cigarettes are restricted (schools, Restaurants Ect.)
- E-Cigarettes are not FDA approved

Based on their discussion ~~the~~ with the **state tobacco reps**, the Board of Health would like to rewrite their tobacco regulations. They will discuss possible changes at their next meeting and hold a hearing in the near future in regards to these changes.

- Grounds Water Protection

- The Board of health will need to create zone tube reduction areas in preparation for the municipal water system. Some of the regulations for this are already covered by the permitting but the Board of Health should look into it as well. There are ground water protection model regulation and there are certain prohibitions in place for municipal water supply well's and this is something The Board of health should look into and expand upon.
- It was proposed that the Board of Health work on each section of the new regulations throughout the next few workshops.

- In regards to Zone 2 Ground Water Protection regulations the board of Health would like to bring in the consultant for the water development project to go over the wording and explain what they have in place in other towns.
 - The Town will now need nutrient management regulations for environmental protection rather than drinking water protection. This may effect land usage and bedroom limitations.
 - It is optional to hook up to the water; therefore the problem of contaminating drinking water could still be a problem for a lot of people.
 - Waste water regulations are going to have to be revamped
 - It takes a lot less nitrates contamination to impact the environment than it does to impact public health and this should be explained to the public.
- NStar
 - NStar is back and have informed the Town of Eastham that they want to put insecticides and herbicides down on the power lines.
 - The Town of Eastham needs to make sure that NStar does not spray within 50 ft of all wells.
 - Jane Crowley, Eastham Health Agent, has informed NStar that the Town of Eastham does not want them to spray insecticide and herbicide.

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